



Tennessee General Assembly
Health Equity Commission

*Chronic Kidney
Disease Taskforce*

Chronic kidney disease (CKD), also known as chronic renal disease, is a progressive loss of renal function over a period of time. CKD is a serious public health issue for Tennessee. Approximately 7000 Tennesseans suffer from chronic kidney failure and need dialysis or a kidney transplant to stay alive. In addition, 200,000 (about 1 in 26) Tennesseans are at risk of kidney disease. Kidney disease develops more rapidly to end stage kidney disease in people with chronic health problems, such as high blood pressure, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease. Minorities are disproportionately afflicted and susceptible to end stage kidney failure. The Tennessee Health Equity Commission has created the TN Chronic Kidney Disease Taskforce, composed of Nephrologists, Pathologists, Clinicians, Renal Care Providers and others, to develop an plan of action to educate the public and health care professionals about chronic kidney disease and its complications and report all recommendations to the Tennessee General Assembly by 2011.



Meeting

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**Legislative Plaza,
Hearing Room 31**

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